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INDO- PAK TRADE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-Pak trade has grown at an impressive rate during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the foreign exchange earned during the current year;

(c) whether India and Pakistan propose to develop strong manufacturing bases together; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) and (b) Yes Sir. India-Pakistan trade increased from US$ 868.79 in 2005-2006 to US$ 1671.51 during 2006-2007 showing an increase of 92%. Earlier, in 2005-06, trade had increased by 41% over 2004-2005. As per the provisional figure available, India`s export to Pakistan during the period April-June 2007 was to the tune of US $ 406.49 million . The details are given below:

STATEMENT OF BILATERAL TRADE BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN:

(Value: In US $ Million; source DGCIS Kolkata through nic, doc)

YEAR	EXPORTS TO PAK	IMPORTS FROM PAK	TOTAL TRADE	%AGE GROWTH IN EXPORT TO PAKISTATN	%AGE GROWTH IN IMPORT	%GROWTH IN BILATERAL TRADE
2002-03	206.16	44.85	251.01			
2003-04	286.94	57.74	344.68	39	29	37
2004-05	521.05	94.97	616.02	82	64	79
	(0.62)	(0.09)				
2005-06	689.23	179.56	868.79	32	89	41
	(0.67)	(0.12)				
2006-07	1348.32	323.19	1671.51	96	80	92
	(1.07)	(0.17)				
2007-08 April-June`07	406.49	68.17	474.66			

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.